

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA'S PARTICIPATION IN DUSHANBE CONFERENCE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India participated in the conference of officials from countries supporting the Northern Alliance in the Afghan Civil War held in the Tajik capital of Dushanbe recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of talks held; and
- (d) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(d) The developments in Afghanistan directly impact on our national interests, including our security interests. To protect and safeguard our national interests, government has been diplomatically active and remained in touch with several countries that have interests in Afghanistan, as well as with the United Nations. In the same context, government has also participated in various meetings and conferences on developments in Afghanistan.